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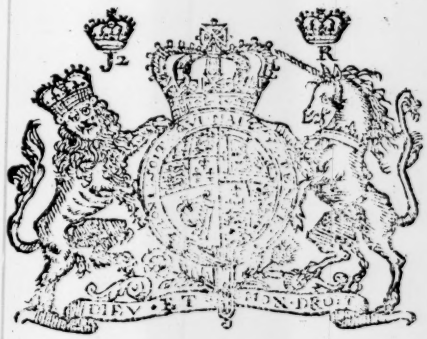

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Thank you very heartily for the Bill you have presented Me this day, And I assure you, the Readiness, and Chearfulness that has attended the Dispatch of it, is as acceptable to Me as the Bill it self; After so happy a Beginning, you may believe I would not Call upon you unnecessarily for an extraordinary Supply; But when I tell you that the Stores of the Navy and Ordnance are extremely Exhausted, That the Anticipations upon several Branches of the Revenue are Great and Burthensom, That the

Debts of the King my Brother to His Servants and Family are such as deserve Compassion, That the Rebellion in *Scotland*, without putting more weight upon it than it really deserves, must oblige Me to a Considerable Expence extraordinary: I am sure such Considerations will move you to give Me an Aid to provide for those Things, wherein the Security, the Ease and the Happiness of my Government are so much concerned; But above all, I must recommend to you the Care of the Navy, the Strength and Glory of this Nation, That you will put it into such a Condition, as may make Us Considered and Respected abroad: I cannot express My Concern upon this Occasion more suitable to My own thoughts of it, than by assuring you I have a true *English* Heart, as Jealous of the Honour of the Nation as you can be; And I please My Self with the Hopes, that by Gods Blessing, and your Assistance, I may carry the Reputation of it yet Higher in the World, than ever it has been in the time of any of My Ancestors; And as I will not call upon you for Supplies, but when they are of Publick Use and Advantage, so I promise you, That what you give Me upon such Occasions, shall be Managed with good Husbandry; And I will take Care it shall be Employed to the Uses for which I ask them.

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